

Thanksgiving

FUN FACTS

ALL ABOUT THE BIRD

TURKEY FACTS

- 1 Benjamin Franklin preferred the turkey to the bald eagle as America's national bird.
- 2 Turkeys have three-times better vision than humans. They can also see in color and their eyesight covers 270 degrees.
- 3 Presidential pardons for turkeys started in 1989.
- 4 Turkeys have 5,000 to 6,000 feathers.
- 5 Wild turkeys can fly at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour in short bursts.

THANKSGIVING DAY FACTS



\$96 MILLION

The amount spent on stuffing the turkey for Thanksgiving.



205 MILLION

The number of turkeys raised in the Nation in 2024, down 6% from last year.



40 MILLION

Number of turkeys eaten on Thanksgiving.



\$.957

Price per pound in 2024, due to weaker demand.

MISSOURI FACTS



15.5 MILLION

The number of turkeys produced in Missouri in 2024.



TOP 5

Missouri was ranked in the top 5 states for the number of turkeys produced in 2024.



300-400,000

The estimated number of wild turkeys in Missouri.



\$1.5 MILLION

Live, prepared or preserved turkey meat exports to other countries from Missouri this year through August 2024.



Shop at the 911 retail supermarkets, 126 meat markets, 32 fruit and vegetable markets, and 74 retail bakeries in Missouri for turkey alternatives.

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